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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and Cited References
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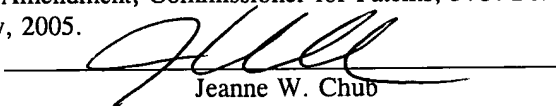
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**STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case.

No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The Applicant brings to the attention of the examiner the following co-pending applications:

Serial No.	Filing Date	Title	Inventors
10/856,264	05/27/04	Water Treatment System and Process	Wilkins et al.
10/845,782	05/13/04	Electrodeionization Device and Methods...	Arba et al.
10/278,714	10/23/02	Production of Water for Injection Using...	Wood et al.
10/272,356	10/15/02	Apparatus for Fluid Purification...	Liang et al.

The Applicant encloses a copy of an International Search Report and a copy of Written Opinion of the International Search Authority in a corresponding international application, International Application No. PCT/US2004/037940.

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified):

DE 3238280 appears to be directed to a process for desalting solutions. An English Abstract is provided.

DE 4016000 appears to be directed to ion exchange apparatus for treating liquid, especially for metal recovery, with exchanger regeneration by electro-dialysis. An English language abstract is provided.

JP 2005007347 is directed to electrodialysis-type water-purification apparatus. An English language abstract is provided.

JP 2005007348 is directed to an apparatus for electric deionization of water manufactured by less assembling steps. An English language abstract is provided.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

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By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. §102.

Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

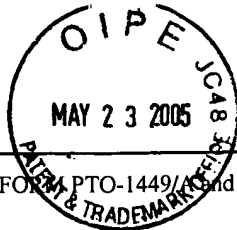
An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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OTHER ART — NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner's Initials	Cite No	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS) title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, relevant page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	Translation (Y/N)
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#EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

*a copy of this reference is not provided as the reference is a published U.S. Patent or U.S. Patent application and the present application was filed after June 30, 2003.